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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/P-JANET BEARD/SEQUITA ROBINSON;
INFO: ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY-2004 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION FOR
MRP ON "PRINT JOURNALISM": FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 11, 2004
PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2004-0012

REF: (A) STATE 085489, (B) COLOMBO 0676

1. POST NOMINATES MR. PRABATH SAHABANDU, DEPUTY EDITOR,
"THE ISLAND" - CENTRIST ENGLISH DAILY, FOR
PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT PROJECT.

2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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: automated processing in Washington and should not be
: edited except by means of the Post-EVDB software.

EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.5

POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VP

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 87

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2004-0012

PROJ-NAME: Print Journalism - February 19-March 11,
2004

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Group Projects

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 02/17/2004

SESSION-DATE: 02/19/2004

RETURN-POST: 03/14/2004

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 6

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP goals on
"Democracy" and "Mutual Understanding"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1027

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 31

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Print Journalism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Prabath

M-NAME:

L-NAME: SAHABANDU

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Upali Newspapers Ltd.

M-ADDR2: 223 Bloemendhal Road

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Colombo 13

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-74) 609-174

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 10/29/1962

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:
Deputy Editor, The Island (centrist English daily),
March 1999- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Features Editor, Daily Island, 1992- to date
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Senior Journalist, Island editorial, 1990-1992
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
2000 (two weeks) - Cochran Fellowship
1992 (eight months) Asia Foundation Berkeley Fellowship
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
B.A., University of Peradeniya, 1991
Post Graduate Diploma in Sociology, 1997
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
Nominee is a vegetarian and a non smoker
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Sinhala
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
This nomination is in support of MPP goals on
"Democracy" and "Mutual Understanding"
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Bruce A. Lohof
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Over time many of 'The Island's feisty editorials have
brought them into conflict both with governments in
power and opposition parties. However they have held
their own and now has a strong foothold and a wide
readership in the country. 'The Island' continues to
strongly voice its concerns about the on going peace
process and its mistrust of the LTTE and is criticized
in some quarters for its 'racist Sinhala policy."
Prabath has made quite an effort to place the press
releases and other material circulated by the Mission
in the centrist English daily he is responsible for.
This type of exposure will enhance his skills while
helping the Mission in meeting its strategic
objectives. He is involved in the editing, editorial
writing and Feature writing of the Island. He is also
a recipient of Japanese Foreign Press Center Fellowship
in 1997 and FOJO (Sweden) Fellowship in 2000.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: Public Affairs
SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: Yes
HOME-HOSP?: Yes
E-I-TYPE:
NOMINEE-ID: 122
PERSON-ID: 126
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CE
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE
FIRST-LANG-ID: SI
E-I-TYPE-ID:
NOM-POST-ID: 2929
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USGOVT-AGENCY1:
US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0
USGOVT-AGENCY2:
US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0
INTL-ORG1:
INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0
INTL-ORG2:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0
COMMISSION: 0
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT: 5
END BIO:
END NOMINATION:
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13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION.
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